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SAUDI ARABIAN STATEMENT ON AWACS

An official Foreign Ministry source has stated that on reviewing issues of joint concern between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States in the meeting held between Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal, the Foreign Minister, and Alexander Haig, the U.S. Secretary of State, Prince Sa'ud stressed to his U.S. counterpart the Kingdom's position concerning the AWACS aircraft deal. The stance is summarized in the following four points:

1. The Kingdom agrees to abide by the normally known conditions and expressed in Letters of Offer and Acceptance.

2. The Kingdom fully strives to safeguard the security and safety of the equipment mentioned in the deal in particular, and the defense equipment in general. We welcome understanding and cooperation on this matter.

3. The Kingdom undertakes to use the AWACS aircraft inside its territory.

4. The Kingdom has no objection to exchanging information concerning the security of the two countries.

Prince Sa'ud explained to his counterpart that the Kingdom accepts no sharing in connection with these aircraft.